

SIXTY YEARS OF LIFE IN RALEIGH

Hon. John Nichols In a
Reminiscent Mood Talks
Most Interestingly

RALEIGH AT THAT TIME

Venerable Citizen, Who Has Spent
Nearly All His Life in Wake County,
60 Years in Raleigh, Tells About
the Personnel of the City Govern-
ment Then, the Newspaper Editors,
Pastors of Churches, Industries and
Other Things That Will Entertain
the Reader.

Hon. John Nichols, at one time
Congressman from the Raleigh dis-
trict, a Past Grand Master of Ma-
sons, at present United States Com-
missioner, and now well along in the
"seventies"—a venerable citizen of
this city for sixty years, was in a
reminiscent mood yesterday and talk-
ed of "old times" so interestingly, that
the following is related:

"Just sixty years ago I became a
citizen of Raleigh, and with only tem-
porary absence have lived here ever
since. And with the exception of this
temporary absence I have occupied the
same house for fifty-three years.

"When I came to Raleigh the popu-
lation of the city was less than five
thousand. The corporation was bound-
ed by North, East, South and West
streets, and was said to be just one
mile square, but I believe the city was
slightly longer from north to south
than it was wide from east to west.

"David S. Reid had just been inau-
gurated Governor of the State, and
William Dallas Haywood was the
Mayor of the city. There were no
police men at that time. James Mur-
ray, a typical Irishman, was town
constable, and did all the day work.
The citizens in squads of six patrolled
the town at night.

"There were no large stores. A few
small dry goods stores, mostly on Fay-
etteville street, between the market
house and the Capitol. Nearly every
grocery store was on Hargett street,
between Fayetteville and Wilmington
streets, with a few on Market Square.
The 'grog shops,' as 'saloons' were
then called, were confined mostly to
Wilmington street, but nearly every
groceryman kept spirits to sell by the
measure.

"The Market House was a small con-
cern, with a small hall above, which
was the only place for public meetings
or amusement companies. The market
house did not have butcher and vege-
table stalls as at present, but country
produce was sold from carts and wag-
ons on the Market Square. At this
time, I think there were only two
butchers in Raleigh, Eldridge Smith
and Jack Moss. Nearly every house-
holder went to market, carrying his
basket, and taking home his purchases.
Whatever groceries he might buy he
took home with him—there being no
such thing as a delivery wagon known
to the trade.

"There were two female schools and
one male school in the city. St. Ma-
ry's, located at the same place as now,
an Episcopal school, presided over by
that great and good man, Rev. Aldert
Smedes, and a Baptist female school
on Halifax street, presided over by
Rev. J. J. Finch, and Lovejoy's Male
Academy on the square where now
stands the Governor's Mansion. Later,
but I am not quite sure of the date,
the Methodists established a school on
Hillsboro street.

"There were four prominent physi-
cians in Raleigh at this time, Dr. Fab.
Haywood, Dr. W. H. McKee, Dr. Chas.
E. Johnson, and Dr. William G. Hill.
They were all eminent in their profes-
sion. Dr. E. Burke Haywood, who
later attained a high position as a
physician and surgeon, commenced
the practice about this time.

"The ministers were Dr. Mason, rec-
tor of Christ church, Rev. Drury Lacy,
pastor of the Presbyterian church;
Rev. Thomas W. Tobey, pastor of the
Baptist church, and Rev. Peter Doub.
pastor of the Methodist church. Since
then new church edifices have been
erected by each of the denominations.

"The newspapers were the Raleigh
Register (Whig) edited by Seaton
Gales; the North Carolina Standard
(Democratic) edited by W. W. Hol-
den; the Raleigh Star (Whig) by Rev.
Thomas J. Lemay. While the Star was
Whig in politics, it was chiefly an ag-
ricultural paper. The Spirit of the
Age, a temperance paper, and the
organ of the Sons of Temperance, was
edited and published by A. M. Gor-

man. Later it became the Daily Con-
federate and was edited by Mr. Gor-
man and Col. Duncan K. McRae. The
Biblical Recorder, the Baptist
organ, was edited and published
by Rev. Thomas Meredith, about four
miles west of Raleigh, but was brought
to the city about 1853, I think. The
Primitive Baptist was also published
in the county, about eight miles east
of Raleigh. The editor was Rev.
Burwell Temple, a prominent and in-
fluential minister of that denomina-
tion.

"There were only two drug stores in
the city at this time, Williams & Hay-
wood and Peter F. Pescud. And two
bookstores, Lumm & Hughes and W.
L. Pomeroy.

"William H. High was sheriff of the
county. Richard P. Finch was clerk
of the Superior Court.

"James T. Marriott was clerk of the
County Court (a court of pleas and
quarter sessions). Hinton Hudson was
Register of Deeds. Sion H. Rogers
was county solicitor. The county
courts were presided over by three
justices of the peace.

"I do not remember much about the
lawyers of that time; not enough to
give a list of them, but those most
prominent were Hon. Geo. E. Badger,
Hon. Romulus M. Saunders, Geo. W.
Haywood, Henry W. Miller, Perrin
Busbee, and others whose names I
do not now recall. Hon. W. H. Hay-
wood, a former United States Senator,
was a leading lawyer, but he died
about this time. I do not remember
the exact date of his death.

"There was but one dentist at that
time—Dr. W. R. Scott. He died a few
years later and was succeeded in the
business by Dr. Lemuel S. Perry.

"I will not attempt a list of the mer-
chants nor of the several manufactur-
ing establishments in the city, as my
memory will not enable me to be
correct.

"The North Carolina Railroad had
been chartered, and work had been
commenced at several points on the
line, but 'ground had not been broke'
at or near Raleigh.

"The Raleigh and Gaston Road
was undergoing a sickly reorganiza-
tion. It had been sold a few years be-
fore and the State and the new organ-
ization were industrious in their
efforts to get it on a solid basis.
At that time the road ran only to
Gaston, the connection at
Weldon not being made until 1853.
The trains would leave Raleigh in the
early morning and stop for breakfast
at Franklinton, reaching Gaston in the
afternoon. A train would leave Gaston
in the morning and meet the down-
going train somewhere on the line,
reaching Raleigh about 8 p. m. The
usual make-up of a train was a bag-
gage car and a first and a second-class
coach. There were no postal clerks
on the trains at this time—the con-
ductors handing out the bags at the
different stations.

"The average freight trains were
composed of from six to eight cars. It
went out one day and returned the
next. All trains were run by printed
schedules—no such thing as a train
dispatcher being known to the service.
There was but one dray in the city.
Tucker's Abram (or Ephraim) doing
all the hauling for the merchants. Of
course business increased later on and
Abram had opposition.

"There were two banks here at that
time, the State Bank, kept in the
building now the Episcopal rectory.
Geo. W. Mordecai president, and
Charles Dewey cashier, and a branch
of the Bank of Cape Fear in the house
known as the old Law Building, where
the new Auditorium now stands. W.
H. Jones was the cashier.

"The Governor's Mansion was at the
foot of Fayetteville street, the lot be-
ing now occupied by the Centennial
Graded School.

"About 1856, or '57, the corporate
limits of the city were extended one
quarter of a mile each way, making
the city one and a half miles square.
Another extension a few years ago
made the city two miles square, with
the Capitol as the center point, which
had not before been the case.

"There are many other interesting
facts that might be stated in connec-
tion with the growth of the city but
I must stop for the present."

P. S.—There were four hotels in
the city: The Yarbrough, Laurence's,
Guion's and Bain's. The Yarbrough,
on same site as at present, was a small
concern. Laurence's was on the lot
now covered by the post office and
was an ordinary affair. Guion's, now
the Agricultural Building, was the
leading hotel of the city. It was the
headquarters of the several stage lines.
There were three important stage
lines going out from Raleigh. One
was to Tarboro, one to Fayetteville
and the other to Greensboro. Pas-
sengers wanting to go by any of these
stage lines would register their names
at Guion's Hotel, where the way bills
were made up, and the stage drivers
would call there, get the names and
residences of passengers and early in
the morning would drive around and
gather up their passengers.

Drivers carried bugles, and as they
neared the city on their incoming
trips, the sound of the bugle was
heard, announcing the approach of
the stage. The stage driver was an
important personage. He brought the
news in advance of the newspapers
and his descriptive powers of relating
facts and fancies would put to blush

the most imaginative modern newspa-
per reporter. The single telegraph
line coming to the city was not used
for general news purposes, and there
were less than half a dozen daily
papers in the State.

THE NEWS OF ELKIN AND SURRY COUNTY.

Developments in Building New Rail-
road—Corn and Tobacco Growing
So You Can See It Since the Fine
Rains, Etc.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Elkin, N. C., July 22.—Fine rains
have visited this community for the
past ten days, and corn and tobacco
are growing beautifully. Farmers are
certainly being greatly blessed this
year. The wheat crop was the best
that has been raised for many years,
and if the seasons continue good the
corn crop will be an abundant one.
Tobacco will not be so good, owing to
the extreme dry weather just at the
time of transplanting from the beds
to the fields. However, there will be
a fairly good crop.

Work on the Elkin and Alleghany
Railroad is progressing nicely. Col.
G. W. Hinshaw, of Kinston, came up
yesterday and has put a corps of en-
gineers to work locating the branch
road to Stone Mountain. Mr. Jerry
Respass has charge of the work. As
soon as the line is permanently lo-
cated a force of hands will be put to
work grading the road. It is the aim
of the owners to have this branch line
ready for the rails as soon as the
E. and A. road is completed to the
point where it is tapped by the Stone
Mountain line.

Mr. T. H. Bettle, of Montgomery,
Ala., arrived here last night on a visit
to his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Rangely.

The remains of Mr. Will Gregory
arrived here from Visalia, California,
where he died a week ago. He left
here last March and located in Cali-
fornia, where he was engaged in busi-
ness. Three weeks ago he was strick-
en with typhoid fever and died on the
11th inst. He had just passed his
twenty-first mile-post on life's jour-
ney and he was full of hope and a
buoyant prospect for a long life, but
the Master called and he went to an-
swer the summons.

Col. J. J. Laughinghouse is spending
today here on business in connection
with the State's interest in the work
of the E. & A. Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. King, of Mount
Olive, spent several days the past
week with their father, Dr. J. W.
Ring, in West Elkin. Mr. Ring is a
native of this place and now a suc-
cessful druggist at Mount Olive. El-
kin has sent out a large number of
young men into the great business
world, and so far as we can trace
them every one is making good in the
different stations they are filling, and
reflecting credit on their mother town.

Miss Annie Gwynn, of Warrenton,
is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Click,
at her home in West Elkin.

Mr. T. M. George, editor of the
Elkin Times, is taking a rest from
his labors and breathing the pure air
of the mountains in Watauga and
Ashe counties. He is accompanied by
his daughter, Miss Lillian.

ANOTHER WAY TO SWAT THE HOUSEFLY.

This Correspondent Proposes the "To-
bacco Treatment"—His Method of
Administering It.

To the Editor:
As you well know, the treatment of
the sick is not confined alone to the
doctors for if you have a felon on your
finger, everybody you meet, will give
you a "shore kyore," and the number
of suggestions in the course of any
ordinary disease, would fill a small
volume.

Realizing this fact, from an expe-
rience of a quarter of a century,
and being intensely interested in the
battle now being waged in successfully
swatting the pestiferous fly, I volun-
teer the following prescription, which
is guaranteed to produce results, or
money refunded:

It is not a patent preparation,
though indirectly controlled to a large
extent by the trusts and is as effectual
as a equal of spring tonic, if, for
that tired feeling.

As good a way, as we have tried
to swat the pesky fly
Is, to slip up, "onbeknowust" to him
And squirt baccar juice in his eye.

He'll wipe his face, and cross his legs
And droop his filthy head
Then quietly drop off to sleep,
And wake up—very dead.

The day of the fly is doomed, and
"Every little bit helps," and with the
above means, a fellow can make one
fly less, where two or more were be-
fore, and be as great a benefactor as
the other fellow, who made the grass
"Ain't it so?"

WILL B. CRAWFORD.
Goldsboro, N. C., July 22, 1911.

CALDWELL'S ASSESSMENT.

Shows Increase of Over Half Million
in Taxable Property.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Lenoir, N. C., July 22.—The tax as-
sessors have completed their work,
and the total valuation of taxable
property in Caldwell county has been
placed at \$3,858,918. Last year the
assessment was \$3,273,502, showing an
increase of 18 per cent over last year.

BLOODY WORK OF INFURIATED MAN

Syrian Fires Ten Shots
Into Crowd of Passen-
gers in Street Car

VICTIMS NUMBER SEVEN

Because He Was Commanded to Get
Off Running-Board by Conductor
Maddo Mallak, Drew Automatic Re-
volver—Killed Conductor and One
Female Passenger, Fatally Wounds
Two Other Women and Seriously
Injures Four Others—Particulars of
Awful Crime in North Adams, Mass.

(By the Associated Press.)

North Adams, Mass., July 22.—In-
furiated at the command of the mo-
torman to get back from the running-
board and remain in his seat until the
car stopped, Maddo Mallak, a Syrian,
21 years old, suddenly drew an auto-
matic revolver and fired ten shots
into a crowded electric car on the
Cheshire Street Railway Company's
line today, instantly killing the mo-
torman, George E. Hoyt, of Pittsfield,
and Miss Martha Esler, aged 21, of
Adams, wounding two women proba-
bly fatally, and severely injuring three
other women. Mrs. Stephen L. A.
Hall, of Adams, shot in the right
shoulder, and Mrs. Alice Bryant, of
Cheshire, wounded in the neck, are
the two dangerously wounded.

As he fired the last of the shots
Mallak was seized by J. J. Mooney, of
Pittsfield, who took away the revolver.
Drawing a knife, the Syrian jumped
from the running board down an em-
bankment where he was captured by
other passengers.

There were about sixty people on
the car when Mallak, who sat di-
rectly behind the motorman, signalled
to the conductor to get off. He stood
on the running board as the car slow-
ed up. The motorman cautioned him
about getting off while the car was in
motion, telling him to get back to his
seat.

Just as the car stopped Mallak
pulled out a .38-calibre, ten-shot auto-
matic revolver and began firing. He
aimed the first bullet directly at the
back of the motorman and then turned
upon the women passengers in the
seats behind him and fired point-
blank until his revolver was emptied.

Mallak refused to talk after his ar-
rest. The police believe he went sud-
denly insane.

ASSESSMENT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Will Show Increase of About Twenty
Per Cent Over Last Year—The
Louisburg Township Figures.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Louisburg, N. C., July 22.—The real
estate assessment for Louisburg town-
ship for 1911 is approximately \$898,-
000 and the personal property assess-
ment is approximately \$453,000. The
figures have not yet been totaled for
the county and it is therefore im-
possible as yet to obtain any accurate
information as to the increase, but
the county tax assessor states to your
correspondent that the average in-
crease in the county as compared with
last year will be about 20 per cent.
The percentage in this township is
not as large as that. The above fig-
ures do not include that portion of
the Seaboard Air Line railway which
lies in this township, nor are the
banks or telephone or telegraph com-
panies included, these of course be-
ing assessed by the Corporation Com-
mission.

HUFF IS YET TO BE CAPTURED SOME MORE.

Report That Negro Murderer of Po-
liceman Was Surrounded Near Hen-
dersonville a Pure Fake.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, July 19.—Officers who
went to Tuxedo, Henderson county,
yesterday afternoon and last night,
have returned after an all night's
hunt for the negro desperado, who
killed Policeman McConnell.

The officers found the people of the
section greatly excited with reports
that the negro had been seen several
times. The officers, however, failed
to find even a cold trail and returned
to Asheville disgusted.

Once in a while a man succeeds in keep-
ing a good resolution for a while by for-
getting he made it.

It's an ill political wind that doesn't
blow some one into a fat job.